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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

EXPORT SALES

U.S. EXPORT SALES Remain Strong. The following table compares accumulated exports and outstanding sales for similar periods in the 1985/86 and the 1986/87 marketing years as reported under FAS's Export Sales Reporting Program. Data for 1985/86 are as of April 3, 1986, while data for 1986/87 are as of April 2, 1987. Accumulated exports are commodities which have been sold and exported. Outstanding sales are commodities which have been sold but not yet exported.

The 1985/86 data for corn and grain sorghum have been adjusted to include shipments reported during the month of September, so a meaningful comparison can be made. Data are measured in thousand units (metric tons/bales).

COMMODITY	YEAR BEGINNING	ACCUMULATED EXPORTS		OUTSTANDING SALES	
		85/86	86/87	85/86	86/87
Wheat	June 1	19,726	21,045	2,866	3,301
Corn	Sept. 1	25,183	20,296	2,465	9,505
Grain Sorghum	Sept. 1	3,169	3,222	774	1,027
Soybeans	Sept. 1	14,698	14,334	3,002	2,275
Rice	Aug. 1	1,102	1,719	93	349
Cotton	Aug. 1	1,510	4,333	379	2,028

GRAIN AND FEED

BRAZIL Faces Corn Surplus; Reexport of U.S. Corn Possible. Brazil reportedly is studying whether to reexport 490,000 tons of U.S. corn and 215,000 tons of Argentine corn as a way to reduce surplus corn supplies. With 20 percent of the harvest completed, a record crop of 25.5 million tons is estimated. Brazil has purchased 1.2 million tons of U.S. corn with 1.0 million tons already shipped; consequently, any additional U.S. shipments seem unlikely. Brazil last exported significant quantities of corn in 1984/85 (Oct/Sept). Since then, rising domestic use has outpaced production, leading to a sharp increase in corn imports peaking at 1.9 million tons in 1985/86. Brazil was expected to import 1.4 million tons of corn during the 1986/87 year based on an average crop of 21.0 million tons.

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DAIRY, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

MEXICO Lifts Cattle Export Ban. Mexico has lifted its ban on cattle exports. Exports were halted by the government on March 29, reportedly to prevent a decrease in the herd size after recent large feeder cattle exports to the United States.

Pressure from Mexican cattlemen, however, reportedly convinced the government to end the export ban. Cattlemen argued that the ban reduced Mexico's foreign exchange earnings and would not increase beef supplies to Mexico's largest cities. Now that the ban has been lifted, Mexican cattlemen are expected to fill the cattle export quota of 1,070,000 head set for the 1986/1987 season (Sept/Aug).

CHILE Announces New Dairy Import Measures. Chile lowered its import surtax from 15 to 8 percent on selected dairy products and increased the minimum customs value for dairy products imports. According to the government, these changes will lower the net import cost of nonfat dry milk (NDM) and whole milk. Since most U.S. shipments of dairy products to Chile are food donations, there will be little effect on U.S. exports. In fiscal 1986, the United States signed agreements to donate 5,776 tons of NDM and small quantities of butteroil and cheese to Chile.

The decision to reduce the surtax stemmed in part from findings that the level of subsidies used by exporting countries in the past year had not damaged Chile's dairy industry. Minimum customs import values were raised due to increases in international prices for dairy products since the last revision of the customs values in 1985. Minimum customs values and import surtaxes are the main policy measures used by the government to help support domestic milk prices.

FRUITS AND NUTS

Cold Weather Damages SPAIN'S Fruit and Nut Crops. According to the U.S. agricultural counselor in Madrid, a recent cold snap in Aragon and Catalonia caused moderate damage to the 1987 almond crop. The crop currently is forecast at 80-90,000 tons (shelled basis), well above the weather damaged 1986 crop of 52,000 tons. The first official assessment of losses will not be available for at least 3 weeks.

For the third consecutive year, the apricot crop in Murcia has been damaged by cold weather. Preliminary assessments place losses at 15-25,000 tons--approximately 8 to 15 percent of the country's total average crop. Damage to Murcia's almond crop reportedly is minimal.

The cold wave apparently did little damage to other major fruit crops--apples, pears, cherries, peaches, citrus. However, temperatures remain abnormally low for this time of the year. Additional damage assessments will be reported as they become available.

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVES

The status of USDA's Export Enhancement Program as of April 9, 1987, was as follows in metric tons:

ANNOUNCED INITIATIVES	DATE ANNOUNCED	QUANTITY/RESULTS
66. Turkey rice	Apr. 3, 1987	70,000
65. Colombia barley malt	Apr. 3, 1987	15,000
64. Iraq table eggs	Feb. 20, '87	189 million eggs
63. Canary Islands poultry	Feb. 9, '87	5,000
62. Nigeria wheat	Jan. 28, '87	500,000
61. China wheat	Jan. 26, '87	1,000,000 COMPLETE
60. Iraq wheat	Jan. 16, '87	800,000 Sold 220,000
59. Switzerland barley or sorghum	Jan. 16, '87	250,000 Sold 9,000
58. Poland wheat	Jan. 7, '87	500,000 COMPLETE
57. Poland barley or sorghum	Dec. 31, '86	200,000 Sold 137,000
56. Romania wheat	Dec. 23, '86	250,000
55. Iraq poultry	Dec. 22, '86	60,000 Sold 25,000
54. Dominican Republic table eggs	Dec. 9, '86	25 million Sold 11.1 million eggs
53. Zanzibar wheat flour	Dec. 9, '86	20,000
52. Tunisia barley	Dec. 1, '86	150,000
51. Gulf countries (Bahrain Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates) dairy cattle	Oct. 30, '86	1,500 head Sold 739
50. West Africa (Cameroon Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo) wheat	Oct. 30, '86	345,000 Sold 29,500
49. Dominican Republic poultry	Oct. 29, '86	1,500 Sold 1,133
48. Philippines barley malt	Oct. 20, '86	60,000 Sold 25,000
47. Cameroon wheat flour	Oct. 14, '86	20,000
46. Romania barley	Sept. 24, '86	200,000 Sold 125,000
45. Venezuela barley malt	Sept. 4, '86	100,000
44. Cyprus barley	Aug. 26, '86	150,000 Sold 108,000
43. Canary Islands wheat	Aug. 8, '86	100,000
42. Egypt semolina	Aug. 6, '86	30,000 Sold 23,000
41. Soviet Union wheat	Aug. 1, '86	4,000,000 EXPIRED
40. Canary Is. dairy cattle	July 28, '86	3,000 head Sold 75
39. Hong Kong table eggs	July 28, '86	44 million Sold 22.0 million eggs
38. Senegal wheat	July 17, '86	100,000 COMPLETE
37. India vegetable oil	July 8, '86	25,000 COMPLETE
36. Jordan barley	June 17, '86	60,000
35. Israel barley	June 17, '86	200,000 Sold 66,682
34. Tunisia dairy cattle	May 29, '86	4,000 head COMPLETE
33. Algeria dairy cattle	May 29, '86	5,000 head

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

32. Sri Lanka wheat	May 16, '86	125,000	COMPLETE
	March 5, '87	95,000	Sold 85,000
31. Saudi Arabia barley	May 7, '86	500,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 6, '86	250,000	COMPLETE
	Sept. 16, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 8, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
			(201,000)
	Jan. 5, '87	1,250,000	COMPLETE
30. Algeria barley	Apr. 17, '86	500,000	
29. Morocco dairy cattle	Apr. 16, '86	4,000 head	COMPLETE
28. Turkey dairy cattle	Apr. 16, '86	5,000 head	COMPLETE
27. Egypt dairy cattle	Apr. 16, '86	6,000 head	COMPLETE
	Sept. 12, '86	10,000 head	Sold 2,801
26. Yemen poultry feed	Apr. 14, '86	150,000	Sold 7,000
25. Yugoslavia wheat	Apr. 10, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	June 24, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 7, '86	500,000	Sold 93,050
24. Indonesia dairy cattle	Apr. 9, '86	7,500 head	COMPLETE
23. Syria wheat	Apr. 8, '86	700,000	CANCELLED
22. Benin wheat	Apr. 7, '86	45,000	Sold 30,000
21. Algeria table eggs	Apr. 4, '86	500 million	eggs
20. Iraq dairy cattle	Apr. 4, '86	6,500 head	Sold 445
19. Jordan wheat	Mar. 19, '86	75,000	COMPLETE
	June 20, '86	75,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 31, '86	225,000	COMPLETE
18. Tunisia wheat	Mar. 18, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 22, '86	800,000	Sold 250,000
17. Algeria wheat flour	Feb. 25, '86	100,000	
16. Algeria semolina	Feb. 11, '86	250,000	Sold 30,000
15. Philippines wheat	Jan. 7, '86	150,000	COMPLETE
			(152,400)
14. Zaire wheat	Dec. 27, '85	35,000	COMPLETE
	May 15, '86	45,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 17, '86	40,000	Sold 25,000
13. Nigeria barley malt	Dec. 10, '85	100,000	Sold 23,700
12. Iraq wheat flour	Dec. 9, '85	150,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 7, '87	175,000	Sold 25,000
11. Egypt poultry	Nov. 26, '85	8,000	COMPLETE
	Mar. 21, '86	15,000	COMPLETE
	June 18, '86	5,000	COMPLETE
	July 8, '86	15,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 19, '86	25,000	Sold 12,500
	Feb. 27, '87	6,000	
10. Zaire wheat flour	Nov. 18, '85	64,000	COMPLETE
	May 15, '86	30,000	Sold 15,000
9. Philippines wheat flour	Nov. 15, '85	100,000	Sold 50,000
8. Jordan rice	Nov. 8, '85	40,000	Sold 38,700
	Jan. 13, '87	60,000	

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

7. Turkey wheat	Oct. 16, '85	500,000	COMPLETE (506,600)
	May 8, '86	500,000	Sold 248,000
6. Morocco wheat	Sept. 30, '85	1,500,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 9, '86	790,000	Sold 260,000
5. Yemen wheat	Sept. 6, '85	100,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 26, '87	100,000	Sold 25,000
4. Yemen wheat flour	Aug. 20, '85	50,000	COMPLETE
	Apr. 14, '86	100,000	COMPLETE
3. Egypt wheat	July 26, '85	500,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 30, '85	500,000	COMPLETE (512,500)
	June 24, '86	500,000	COMPLETE
	July 29, '86	52,000	Sold 29,000
	Oct. 8, '86	1,000,000	Sold 406,000
2. Egypt wheat flour	July 2, '85	600,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 6, '86	600,000	
1. Algeria wheat (ex durum)	June 4, '85	1,000,000	COMPLETE
wheat (ex durum)	Apr. 10, '86	1,000,000	Sold 354,000
durum	Nov. 10, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
durum	Mar. 16, '87	300,000	Sold 72,000

EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY
Status as of April 9, 1987

Announced to Date 23,178,680 tons grains and products (grain equivalent)
 758 million table eggs
 140,500 tons frozen poultry
 52,500 head dairy cattle
 25,000 tons vegetable oil

Sold to Date 10,078,059 tons wheat
 1,446,876 tons flour (grain equivalent)
 2,840,682 tons barley
 72,610 tons semolina (grain equivalent)
 64,932 tons barley malt (grain equivalent)
 106,000 tons sorghum
 38,700 tons rice
 7,000 tons poultry feed
 25,000 tons vegetable oil
 81,633 tons frozen poultry
 30,560 head dairy cattle
 32,562,000 table eggs

Total Sales Value: \$1,404.4 million

TARGETED EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM

No announcements were made under USDA's Targeted Export Promotion Program this week.

Selected International Prices

Item	:	April 14, 1987	:	Change from	:	A year
	:		:	a week ago	:	ago
ROTTERDAM PRICES 1/		\$ per MT	\$ per bu.	\$ per MT		\$ per MT
Wheat:						
Canadian No. 1 CWRS-13.5%.		148.00	4.03	-0.50		N.Q.
U.S. No. 2 DNS/NS: 14%....		137.00	3.73	-2.50		170.00
U.S. No. 2 S.R.W.10/		125.00	3.40	-4.50		123.00
No. 3 H.A.D.....		160.50	4.37	-0.50		163.50
Canadian No. 1 A: Durum...		167.00	4.54	-1.00		N.Q.
Feed grains:						
U.S. No. 3 Yellow Corn....		86.50	2.20	+1.50		N.Q.
Soybeans and meal:						
U.S. No. 2 Yellow.....		N.Q.	--	--		212.00
Brazil 47/48% Soya Pellets		187.00	--	+7.00		192.00
U.S. 44% Soybean Meal.....		186.00	--	+4.00		188.00
U.S. FARM PRICES 3/						
Wheat.....		95.89	2.61	-0.37		117.57
Barley.....		72.11	1.57	+0.92		N.Q.
Corn.....		57.48	1.46	+3.15		88.98
Sorghum.....		57.76	2.62 2/	+1.76		82.23
Broilers.....		1,091.06	--	-41.23		1,120.16
EC IMPORT LEVIES						
Wheat 5/.....		228.60	6.22	+2.00		157.55
Barley.....		225.55	4.91	+5.20		146.35
Corn.....		214.75	5.45	+4.05		141.45
Sorghum.....		219.15	5.57	+2.15		147.00
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....		--	--	--		--
EC INTERVENTION PRICES 7/ 9/						
Common wheat(feed quality)		221.70	6.03	+2.15		188.40
Bread wheat (min. quality)		232.05	6.32	+2.30		200.40
Maize.....		232.05	5.89	+2.30		188.40
Barley and all other feed						
grains, excluding maize.		221.70	--	+2.15		188.40
Broilers 4/ 6/.....		--	--	--		--
EC EXPORT RESTITUTIONS (subsidies)						
Wheat		N.A.	--	--		N.A.
Barley.....		157.70	4.29	--		N.A.
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....		--	--	--		--

1/ Asking prices in U.S. dollars for imported grain and soybeans, c.i.f., Rotterdam. 2/ Hundredweight (CWT). 3/ Five-day moving average. 4/ EC category--70 percent whole chicken. 5/ Reflects lower EC export subsidy--down to 20.00 ECU/100 bag effective 9/14/83 from 22.50 ECU/100 bag set in 2/83. 6/ F.o.b. price for R.T.C. broilers at West German border. 7/ Reference price. 8/ Reflects change in level set by EC. 9/ Changes may be due partly to exchange rate fluctuations and/or ECU payments. 10/ June delivery. N.A.=None authorized. N.Q.=Not quoted. Note: Basis May delivery.

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